

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(162)

Pleasant Valley, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

1767 (mound of stones)

1902 (monument)

Milestone No. ---(162) and its mound of stones on Evitts Mountain ridge mark a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line 155 miles and 32 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (or 152.409 horizontal miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line). The monument is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; ^{originally} measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet high above ground

with the remainder for setting into the ground. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, ^{still measures 10 inches square, stands 2 feet high above the mound,} firmly set, and is embellished only by the capital letters

P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, and the years 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed by Mason and Dixon) on the east side, and 1902 (when the monument was set) on the west side. The large mound of loose stones, originally with a wood centerpost marked M on the west ^{side}, was erected by Mason and Dixon in 1767 and has survived essentially intact. It measures about 12 feet in diameter at the base by about 2 feet high in the center, is also in excellent condition though slightly altered in the setting of the stone in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. This monument and mound are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the some 248 markers in the thematic group series still visually defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as among the 37 markers (including 9 mounds) remaining along the present Allegany/Fulton-^{Bedford-}Somerset county boundary, No. ---(162) ^{and mound are} also significant for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, Post and Pile of Stones marking 155 Miles and 32 Chains"from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field"

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO.---(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 162)

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER off the west side of Pleasant Valley Road/LR-05002, in Rocky Gap State Park, ~~Switzer Mountain~~

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Valley ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT S	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound of stones only; see Thematic Group

NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIIC-158 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION (monument & mound)		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (mound)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (162) ^{on Evitts Mountain ridge} was a new, dressed Cockeysville marble post in 1902 when added to an original ^{large} "Pile of Stones" erected at this site by Mason and Dixon in 1767. The monument, set during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, measures 10 inches square, stands about 2 feet above the mound, is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, and the years 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) on the east side, and 1902 (when the monument was set) on the west side. The mound of loose stones measures about 12 feet in diameter at the base by about 2 feet high in the center, is also in excellent condition, ^{though would be considered} ~~slightly altered~~, ^{disturbance in} ~~due to the~~ setting of the monument some 2½ feet into the center.

The area here is the ^{remote} ~~densely~~ forested, stoney ridge of Evitts Mountain, one of the highest points along the West Line (elevation 2316 feet at the site), and at the northern boundary of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources Rock Gap State Park. The site is within Election District 34 of Allegany County, MD, and Cumberland Valley Township of Bedford County, PA; about 7000 feet west of the preceding monument No. --- (161) ^{and according to Mason and Dixon's list} in Pleasant Valley; ¹⁵⁵ miles and 32 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (about 152.409 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their West Line). It is about 40 feet west of the old trail ^(now park service road) along the ridge, about 300 feet south of the old pipeline, cannot be seen from either, and seems protected by the obscure site and park personnel.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, ^{usually} ~~for setting~~ about 1½ feet above ground (or mound), and with the remaining ^{3 feet} ~~for setting~~ into the ground (or mound). The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band around the stone. These ^{a USCGS triangulation station disk (PENMAR 1927)} and the top planes are clear and intact, ^{was cemented into} ~~though~~ the apex.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the new monument)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY set by the 1900-03 Resurvey and the original Mason and Dixon cairns)

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound of stones) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
1902 (monument) ~~SURVEYORS~~

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(162) ^{with the mound of stones} is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, the site marked with a wood post surrounded by a pile of stones the following year, and a new Cockeysville marble ^{to the center of the mound} monument added ~~in 1902~~ to permanently mark the survey point, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers (including 9 original mounds) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(162) ^{with the mound} are also significant for ^{their} identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Evitts Creek (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5
minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 70066, northing 439938

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/5/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

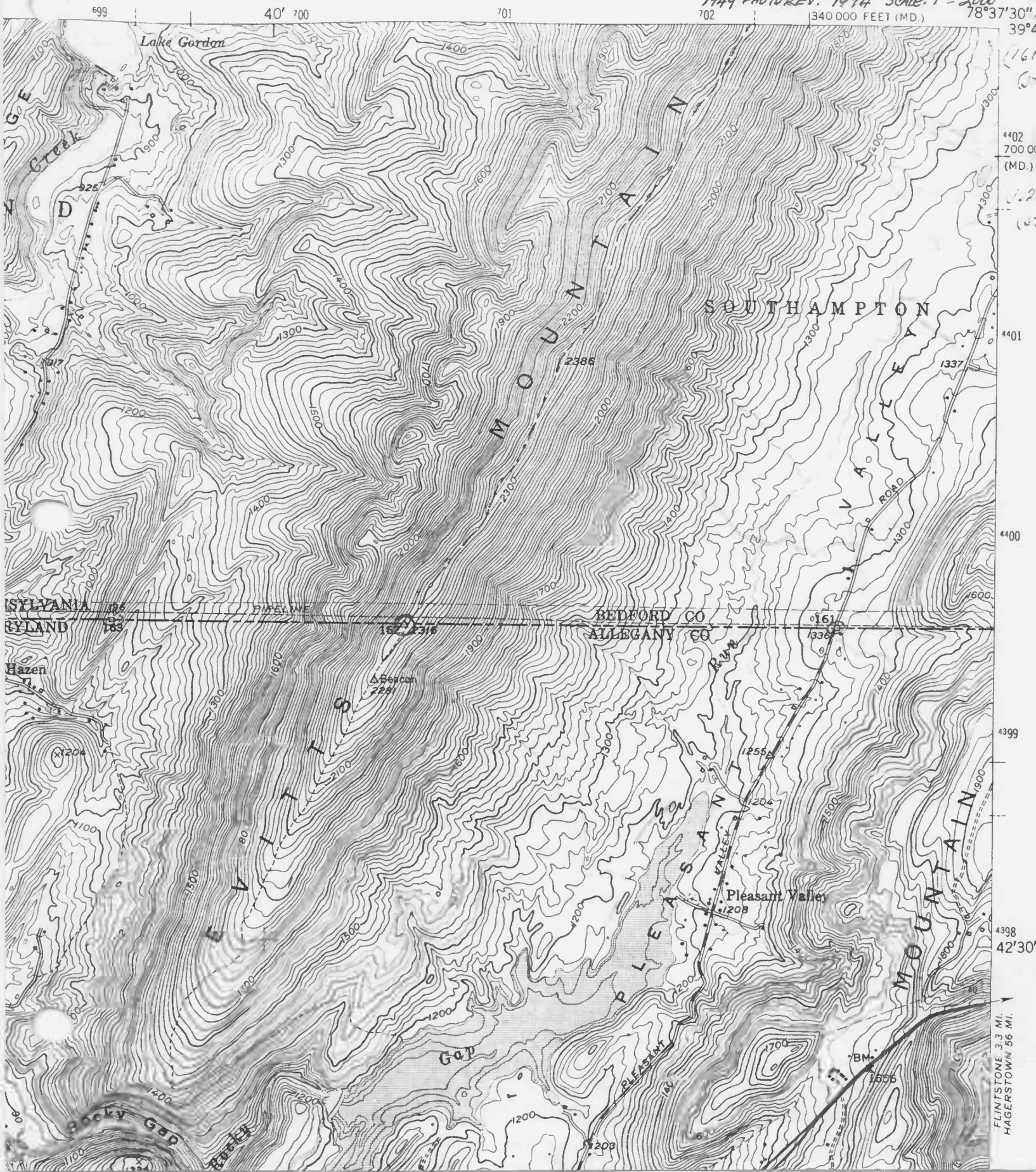
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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EVITTS CREEK QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW 1/4 FLINTSTONE 15' QUADRANGLE
1949 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2,000'
340,000 FEET (MD.) 78°37'30" 39°4'





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (162)

STONE MONUMENT (1902) IN LARGE MOUND OF STONES (1767)

NE CORNER (1766/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN. 10/5/81 (1981.38. 18)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE + (162)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)
SW CORNER (1902/4), SHOWING MOUND OF
STONES (1967) & PARK PATROL ROAD,
PROXIMITY

PACTO; ALICE MARTIN 10/5/81 (1981.38.14)